GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION OF HYDRO CARBON RESOURCES IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Assam Hydrocarbon and Energy Company Limited and the Oil India Limited have lately joined hands for exploration and production of the Hydrocarbon resources in the State;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in the joint explorations; and

(c) the potential of the oil bearing areas of the State; still lying unexplored/ unexploited?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) &(b) Yes, Sir. Oil India Limited (OIL) have assigned 10% Participating Interest (PI) out of their share in 2 New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) blocks in Assam, namely AA-ONN-2004/1 and AA-ONN-2004/2, awarded to OIL in NELP-VI round of bidding, to M/s Assam Hydrocarbon & Energy Company Limited, a State Government of Assam undertaking, pending approval of Government of India. OIL, as operator, have commenced exploration activities as per committed work programme in both these NELP blocks in Assam.

(c) Assam state falls in both the basins of Upper Assam and Assam-Arakan Basin. The total prognosticated resources of Upper Assam and Assam-Arakan Basins, both for oil and gas, have been estimated at 5040MMt, out of which 1666MMt of inplace reserves have been established by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC), Oil India Limited (OIL) and Private/ Joint Venture companies. The remaining resources are yet to be explored / discovered.